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BIG MERGERS AND WHAT THEY MEAN.

Two recent consolidations of big corporations that were recently rivals or hostile to each other are among the recent important events in Canada and the United States. One of these transactions consolidates the Dominion Coal Company and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. The other is the absorption of the Western Union Telephone Company by the Bell Telephone Company. These mergers are said in both cases to be prompted by economy. How the interests of the general public will be affected remains to be seen.

THE GOVERNMENT'S NAVAL PROGRAM LAUNCHED.

The naval plans of the Government as now disclosed to Parliament, provide for the construction and maintenance of seven vessels, three of which will be small cruisers, and four torpedo boat destroyers. Two of the cruisers will be stationed on the Pacific coast and one cruiser and the four destroyers on the Atlantic coast. To man these vessels will require 1,408 officers and men, with a pay roll of \$460,000 and victualling to cost \$100,000 a year. The cost of coal, ammunition, repairs &c. will bring the yearly outlay for maintenance up to two millions.

The interests combined against the Liberal budget in the Mother Country are large and powerful. Three-fourths of the House of Lords backed in revolt against the new land taxes. The rich brewers, distillers and liquor selling interests are combined against the new liquor taxes. And there are the great manufacturing interests that find German competition becoming too sharp and are calling for protection. It is called by the pretty name of tariff reform over there, but we know what that means. It would be rash at this stage to predict what the people's verdict will be, but it would seem regrettable to have free trade defeated in the British Isles, its last foot hold in all the wide world.

FIRE BURNS UNDER A CITY. When the Berkley mine broke out after the other day in Butte, Montana sending five hundred men to the surface and suspending operations for a month in one of the biggest producers of the greatest mining camp on earth—the camp that gives to the world's market one-fourth of its copper production—the sight of the flames and smoke didn't cause as much as a ripple of excitement on the surface of the busy population at the foot of the hill. For Butte is accustomed to a mine fire that is perpetual and which burns with intense heat in the ground under the very business district.

It is a startling fact but none the less true that in the seventeen years past, thousands of men have been engaged in keeping in check the deadly fire in the Butte hill. It is a fight against a hidden foe. Except for brief intervals when the hot flames find an outlet, the fire is kept subdued by the smothering method, the theory being that it cannot spread without air on which to feed.

How it started and what keeps it alive is known to the copper miners of the northern Rockies, but the outside world has never been told, for the big companies controlling the mines have kept the talk of the wonderful fire shut down to a whisper. From "City Stands Above Acres of Fire," in December Technical World Magazine.

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The same appears to be largely true of consumers in New Brunswick and parts of Nova Scotia. We fear the consolidation means no relief for the coal consumers! On the contrary it seems not improbable that all the coal mines in Eastern Canada may yet fall into the hands of one big monopoly, which may exact the utmost that consumers can be forced to pay. It was ever thus where competition is shut out.

A much bigger consolidation of great corporate bodies is the absorption of the Western Union Telephone Company by the Bell Telephone Company. While the home of these great corporations is in the United States, both of them also carry on extensive business in Canada. Together the lines of the two companies include nearly ten million miles of wire and transmit yearly over six million conversations and written messages. The telephone and telephone systems are in the nature of things rivals and competitors, and the merger will doubtless effect great savings. The total assets of the two merged companies are set down at \$42 millions, and their yearly gross earnings are over 170 millions.

Seven millions and a quarter for the first cost of the ships and two millions a year to maintain them is the neat little pattern to which the scheme is cut. It will of course cost a great deal more than the estimate—that is almost invariably the case. Canada for herself has absolutely no need, present or prospective for these war-craft. And it is yet to be explained to the satisfaction of inquirers how these vessels would be of any advantage to Britain in a naval battle with Germany in the North Sea.

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Three or four of Canada's ex-Governor Generals are still prominent in Imperial affairs. Lord Minto is Viceroy of India whose three hundred millions are restless and some of them inclined to be murderous. Lord Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland seems to be entirely congenial to the Irish people. Lord Lansdowne is leading the attack on the Liberal Budget in the House of Lords, supported by the Duke of Argyll, formerly Lord Lorne, who is now opposing his former Liberal associates. These are specimens of the class of men Britain has sent to represent the over-ween in this country. Their ability, high character and prominence in the great affairs of state are unquestionable. As much might also be truly said of Lord Monck, Lord Lisgar and Lord Dufferin who were earlier representatives of the Queen at Ottawa, but who have passed out of this life's activities.

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